

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 1, 1994**

**COMMENTS BY PENNINO: RECOMMENDATION TO CANCEL PUBLIC HEARING RE:
BUSINESS LICENSE TAX WILL IMPACT BUDGET; FILED LETTER FROM UFL IN SUPPORT
OF APPOINTMENT OF STEVE RADDIGAN AS INTERIM FIRE CHIEF**

Council Member Pennino commented that Mr. Snider's recommendation this evening will certainly impact the budget, and in order to have a balanced budget by July 1, cuts will have to be made, which will not be easy.

Council Member Pennino, in response to Mr. Davenport filing his letter in opposition to the appointment of Steve Raddigan as the Interim Fire Chief, filed a letter with the City Clerk that was received by Stan Mall, President of the United Firefighters, in support of the appointment of Steve Raddigan.

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May 25, 1994

Honorable Mayor and
City Council Members
City of Lodi
221 W. Pine St.
Lodi, CA 95240

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

It is with great pride I forward UFL's hearty concurrence with City Manager Thomas Peterson in his selection of Steve Raddigan to serve as interim Fire Chief of the Lodi Fire Department. All five board members of UFL concur unanimously with Mr. Peterson's choice in this matter. Chief Raddigan is well suited for the task at hand. There are several reasons for our agreement with City Manager Peterson on his choice. Chief Raddigan has communication skills, fire fighting experience, command experience and many years at the mid management level.


He has successfully bridged the Labor management gap created by other fire department managers. During his tenure as Operations Officer, Chief Raddigan has utilized his communication skills to provided solutions to labor problems before they became grievances. In view of past relations between fire department management and our labor unit, his honest open communication approach seems like a breath of fresh air.

In addition to being a good communicator Chief Raddigan knows fire fighting techniques and has shown his ability to command on the fire ground on numerous occasions. A good example is the Command system he utilized during his management of the Sacramento Savings fire in 1993. He has earned the respect of the Lodi Fire Department rank and file in his ability on the fire ground and at emergency scenes.

Management ability in non emergency areas is demonstrated by Chief Raddigan's preparation of the 1994/95 fire department budget through his close work with the finance director and his supervision of the other mid managers in this endeavor.

Let this letter stand as an endorsement of the actions taken yesterday by City Manager Tom Peterson. The appointment of Steve Raddigan to interim Fire Chief is placing the most qualified man in the job. We are hopeful this temporary appointment bestowed upon Chief Raddigan becomes a permanent appointment to Fire Chief in the near future.

Respectfully,


Stanley J. Mall, President UFL
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Lodi, CA 95242

c: Tom Peterson, City Manager